

Nelson Waldron Captain

Sunday November 12th 1843 This Day begins with
rough weather wind wright aft blowing a gale
of wind head E by S by course we took in the
mainsail about 2 o'clock and double reefed four
main and mizen topsails and about 4 o'clock we
lost reef four and main topsails and furl the mizen
topsail middle part pretty much the same
and goose wing the main topsail

Latitude by Chronometer 35° 00' N

Longitude by 3 101° 19' E

At 11 pretty much the same squally laying to under
goose wing main topsail

Monday November 13th 1843 P.M. This Day begins
with squalls of hail and rain and laying
to under goose wing main topsail middle
part pretty much the same. At 11 not quite
so bad this morning. about 8 o'clock we loosed
the stacil and fairsail and four topsail won
we reef out the main topsail and loosed the mizen topsail

Tuesday November 14th P.M. This Day begins with
a strong breeze wind wright aft head E by S by
course this afternoon we about 2 o'clock lost reef the four and
main topsails and furl the mizen topsail
and shrouded her till 4 o'clock and then we took
in the four topsail and shrouding her now under
lost reef main topsail and fairsail and four topmast
stacil middle part pretty much the same going
at the rate of 8 knots an hour heavy swell
A.M. wind and weather about the same this morning
we shook out the four topsail and more reef and shook
out more reef out of the main topsail shrouding her more

Onboard The Ship Leonidas

Latitude — by Chron S
Wednesday November 15th 1843 Longitude — by obs 106 = 40 E

This Day begins with strong winds from the W by N head E by S by course we shrouded her under double reef topsails and foresail till 1 o'clock and then we loosed the mizen topsail and at 2 o'clock we loosed the mainsail and at 3 o'clock we loosed the maintenasail middle part pretty much the same At 4 o'clock strong winds from the NE head E by S by course this morning about 3 o'clock took in the main teganersail and mainsail and double reef the topsails and at 5 o'clock we took in the mizen topsail and at 6 o'clock we took in the fore topsail and this forenoon about 10 o'clock we took the bow boat of the cranes and put her on the quarter deck and at 11 o'clock we loosed the fore topsail and close reefed it the latter part pretty much the same

Thursday November 16th 1843 P M This Day begins with fair wind strong breeze shrouding her under close reef four main topsails and foresail heavy swell on

Latitude by Chron 39 = 40 S

Longitude by Obs 110 = 48 E

4 N wind fair head S S E by course this morning the wind and weather moderated and about 9 o'clock we shook awn reef out of the fore topsail and loosed the mizen topsail and about half past 9 we shook awn reef out of the fore main and mizen topsails and about half past 10 o'clock we reefed out four main and mizen and loosed the mainsail and maintenasail got all sail on her new latter part pretty much the same

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Tuesday November 17th 1893 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head ESE by course all gail set fine weather middle part reigny at squalls
A.M. last night about 3 o'clock we took in the main topgall and mainsail and single reef four main and misen topsails and about 4 o'clock we reef four and misen and double reefed the main topsails and about 7 o'clock we took in the misen topgail shuding her under reef four topgail and foregail and double reef main topsail

Latitude - by Chron 40 = 32 S

Longitude a by Obs $117 = 43.6$

Saturday November 18th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with squalls
from ^{Long Island} N N W wind fair head ESE by course shading
under ^{wear} four topsail and double wear main topsail
and fairsail middle part pretty much the same
A.M. Wind fair head ESE by course last night about 6
o'clock the wind began to blow and rain and hail
and it kept breazing and at half past 6 we took in the
four topsail and fairsail and main topsail and left
her two under main spencer and this morning the
wind moderated and we shook down wear out of
the four topsail and loosed the main topsail and
fairsail and misen topsail latter part pretty much
the same squally and rainy

Sunday November 19th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with squalls of rain and hail wind fair head ESE by course shading her under ~~close~~ double reef fore and main topsails and double reef main topgall and furling A.M. this morning about half past 3 we shook & reefed out of the fore main and risen topsails and about half past 6 we hauled out all the reefs and loosed the main topgall sail and about 8 we loosed the mainsail see plenty of fishbacks this forenoon

Onboard Ship Leonidas

Monday November 20th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather but squally at intervals all sail set wind SSE steering by the wind ESE since dinner we have seen 23 or 4 spouts standing aloft now

Latitude by Chron 41-21 S

Longitude by Obs 122-55 W

see some more finbacks this after noon

A.M. wind SSE steering by the wind ESE by course pleasant weather see some spouts this forenoon for back this forenoon we broke out in the fore hole and filled up ~~with~~ on the starboard side of cold salt water mixed of warm oil latter part pretty much the same

Latitude

Tuesday November 21st 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind SSE steering by the wind ESE by course this after noon we broke out on the larboard side and filled up 10 more casks of salt water A.M. This forenoon wind fair head ESE by course this forenoon 10 o'clock we raised awright whale and saw him turn flukes and then we drove our boats full and then we lowered away for them and just as we got pretty near to them a fog bank came up and we lost the view of them and then the boats came aboard.

Latitude

Wednesday November 22nd 1843 This day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head SE by course this after noon we about 1 o'clock we saw two more about a mile and half off and we lowered for them and about 3 o'clock the mates boat got fast ~~two~~ more of them and about 6 we got him along side and then the line parted and then the ship drifted to the lower about 1/2 a mile and then the boats took an old hanger to him

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and bent it on to him and then we beat the ship up to him and then got the line aboard and hauled him along side and then the hanger parted and then the boats took none of the cutting fully and then we beat the ship up to him again and got him along side and then we got the fluke chains on him and made him fast. At 11 last night we took in all the sail but the main top sail and spanker and kept her to and laid all night this morning about 8 o'clock we called all hands and began to cut him in but it was so wrought that we parted our blubber hook shaker and then we give him up till better weather

Latitude

Thursday November 23rd 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather sea goes down a little this afternoon about 2 o'clock we began to cut him in and got him all in the blubber about 8 o'clock we saved some lip of his head that is all they calculated his head would make 10 barrels of oil and about 700 lbs of boar but it was so wrought we could not save it At 11 last night we began to try put about 12 o'clock they think there is about 70 barrels of blubber in the blubber room good weather now

Latitude

Friday November 24th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather trying out this afternoon we saw some more right whale and lowered for them and after the boats got off we did not see them any more At 11 pleasant weather this morning we finished trying out about 10 o'clock now we are ready for more see nothing this forenoon

Latitude by Chron - 129 - 35 S
Longitude by Obs - 42 - 40 E

Onboard Ship Leonidas

Saturday November 25th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
this afternoon we cleared up the decks and got ready to break out
A.M. this morning we began to break out and stowed down
30 bbls of Sperm 59 bbls of Wright whale Oil
Sunday

Latitude S
Sunday November 26th 1843 This Day begins with ~~pleasant~~ drizzly
weather stowing down this afternoon about 6 o'clock we finished
stowing down and cleared of decks & down in the ground
keep sperm and wright A.M. pleasant strong breeze on
this morning about 6 o'clock we made sail hoisted the foresail
mainsail braced shook out the reefs out of the four main
topsails and run reef out of the mizen topsail about
8 o'clock we loosed the main top and sail bound for
New Zealand Latitude by Chron 135° 20' S

Longitude by Chron 134° 30' E
Monday November 27th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant
weather Wind fair head E by S by course middle part pretty
much the same A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head
E by S by course latter part drizzly
Latitude S

Tuesday November 28th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with
drizzly weather wind fair head E by S by course
A.M. pleasant weather wind NNE head E by course
yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock we shifted our course east
Latitude by Chron 43° 41' S

Longitude by Obs 138° 00' E
Wednesday November 29th 1843 P.M. This Day begins with
pleasant weather wind NNE head E by course
A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head E by course
see nothing to day good weather for
wright whales.

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Thursday November the 30 1843 P M This Day begins with pleasant weather this afternoon about 1 o'clock it began to blow pretty strong and we had to take in the main topmast and double reef the main top sail middle part pretty much the same A M This morning loosed the main topmast and shook the reefs out of the main top sail pleasant now

Latitude

Friday December the 1 1843 P M This day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head E by course see nothing this afternoon good weather A M pleasant weather wind NNE head E by course this morning about 10 o'clock we raised a sperm whale and saw him turn fluky and then we wound down to him and lowered away for him and the mate got along side of him and alongo stood up for him and if it had not been for a pulk in the boat who would not pull and not let every body do feel we might got him but he crawled his over in the water and stopped the boat and the whale saw us and went down they thought he would make about 100 barrels



Latitude by Chron 34-35 S

Longitude by Obs 146-41 E

Saturday December the 2 1843 P M This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head E by course see nothing but fin backs this afternoon about 5 o'clock we outent the four top sail and bent the old iron and set the four topmast stuncil got into green water again good weather dead calm allmost good time for sperm whales A M pleasant weather wind fair head E by course four topmast stuncil set see nothing this forenoon but fin backs

Latitude by Chron 44-39 S

Longitude by Obs 150-00 E

Sunday December the 3 1843 P M This Day begins with pleasant weather wind E by N steering by the wind N by E topmast stuncil down A M pleasant weather wind N by E head E by N by course see nothing but fin backs

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Monday December the 4 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NNE steering by the wind E by N this afternoon about half past 4 o'clock we raised a right whale and saw him turn flukes and lowered away for him and the mates boat got onto him and alongs started both irons at him and struck him with both irons but they did not go in and then we chased him to the lowered and to the windward but could not get him and we got aboard about half past 8 o'clock and give him up

Latitude by Chron 44-27 S

Longitude by Obs 152-09 E

A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course topmast guncel set Latitude S

Tuesday December the 5 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course this afternoon about 3 o'clock we raised another whale about an mile and half off and we went down to him and lowered away for him and chased him and all three the boats got right round him and he stood right up on his tail and we could not get a chance to fasten to him and then we galled him and chased him till quarter past 5 and then come aboard and give him up there is 40 barrels more A.M. drizzly weather and rainy wind ENE by N head NE by course about half past 10 the wind shifted E by N head NE by course not much wind calm and drizzly

Latitude

Wednesday December the 6 1843 P.M. This Day begins with rainy weather wind E by N head NE by course about 4 o'clock the wind halled E had NE by course A.M. this forenoon we double reefed four main and mizen topsails and last night we furl'd the mainteganersail and this morning furl'd the mainsail and about 10 o'clock we furl'd the fore and mizen topsails and shuddered her all day

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Thursday December the 4 1843 P.M. This Day begins with heavy squalls
 of rain and heavy sea so we shuded her till this afternoon
 about 6 o'clock let wraif main topsail and wraifed four sail
 A.M. and shuded her till this morning and about 8 o'clock
 we ferled the four sail and about 11 o'clock goose winged the main
 topsail and about half past 11 we took in the waist boat and
 shepht her two Latitude —

Friday December the 5 1843 P.M. This Day begins with heavy squalls
 of rain saying to under goose wing main topsail and main spence
 A.M. pleasant weather they are breking out butter and rice and beans
 now and after they get don they are ager to stick her of fourt
 about 4 o'clock we made all sail but won yraf in the mizen topsail
 Latitude — by Chron 40 = 40 N
 Longitude — by Obs 157 = 39 E

Saturday December the 6 1843 P.M. This Day begins with
 pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course sea
 nothing this afternoon A.M. pleasant weather wind fair
 head NE by course saw won spout this morning
 Latitude — by Chron 40 = 42 N
 Longitude — by Obs 160 = 45 E

Sunday December the 10 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
 wind fair head NE by course sea nothing this afternoon
 A.M. pleasant weather now wind hardly what there is is about N head NE by course
 dead calmed almost about 8 o'clock this morning we saw a breach this
 forenoon about 10 o'clock the mate struck shark under the bows and
 the granes want good for nothing and they drowned we have not had so
 good wether for 5 months as it is to day
 Latitude —

Monday December the 11 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weat her wind N head
 NE by course see nothing this afternoon A.M. pleasant weather
 wind NE head ENE by course sea nothing this forenoon
 we have ben rabling down the main riging this forenoon

Onboard ship *Sarudas*

Tuesday December the 12 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
wind N.E. head E.W.E. steering by the wind E.N.E.
A.M. pleasant weather wind N steering by the wind E.N.E.
aplenty of allicaus around but they dont come under the bows this forenoon
we sent up the four topgallant mast not breath of wind dead calm

Latitude

Wednesday December the 13 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
wind N steering by the wind E.N.E. this after noon we sent up the
mizen topgallant mast and mizen galle yard and bent the mizen topgallant sail and on
bent the new main top sail and bent the new four top sail on the main
top sail yard. A.M. pleasant weather wind N steering by the
wind E. by N aplenty of finbacks around but no sperm whales

Latitude

Thursday December the 14 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
light windy wind N steering by the wind E. by N this afternoon
we sent up the four topgallant yard and bent the four topgallant sail
on bent the old main topgallant sail and bent the new main and on bent
the new four sail and bent the old main and about 6 o'clock we
tacked ship and stood on our starboard tack till about 9 and then
we tacked ship and stood on our larboard tack strong breeze
from the Northward steering by the wind E. by N A.M. under
cloudy strong breeze from the Northward steering by the wind E. by N
this forenoon we on bent the new four topgallant sail and bent the
old main aplenty of finbacks around this forenoon

Latitude by Chron

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Longitude by Obs

167-05 E

Friday December the 15 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong
breeze wind N steering by the wind E. by N this noon whilst
the captain was down to dinner doctor went aloft to see the
finbacks blow and the man to the mast head told him
to look of the sea beam and see the finbacks and he kept
looking at them and all at once he saw a right whale



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turn fluky and he sang out and I told the old man and he came on deck and kept looking and then saw another turn fluky and we cut our dinner and spread away there and went down to them and landed away for her and kept them and they came up pretty close to the old man and pulled ahead and kept up to the windward of them and the boat drifted over them and galloped them and we worked the light over with the about 1000 in together is light back till sunset with light breeze wind fair head N by E by course this morning about 10 o'clock we weighed anchor and went under power

Latitude by Chron 30-23
Longitude by Obs 108-14

Saturday December the 16 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather light breeze wind fair head N by E by course see nothing but fishbacks this afternoon All pleasant weather light winds wind fair head N by E by course

Latitude

Sunday December the 17 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather light winds wind fair head N by E by course see nothing this forenoon All pleasant weather light winds wind fair head N by E by course see nothing this forenoon light winds

Latitude

Monday December the 18 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather light winds wind fair head N by E by course in forenoon changed back this afternoon and thought it was a right whale and we pulled on the line and came up to him and pulled back and forth and felt it was not good in and stuck here & pour it again All pleasant weather strong breeze wind about ESE head N by E by course see nothing this forenoon but 3 or 4 o'clock

Latitude by Chron 37-11
Longitude by Obs 110-02

Tuesday December the 19 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong breeze wind ESE head N by E by course topmast of mack 30 ft All pleasant weather wind ESE head N by E by course this morning about 6 o'clock we made the islands called the Three Kings heading for it know Latitude by Chron 34-05 Longitude by Obs 111-45

Onboard Ship Leonidas Bristol

Wednesday December the 20 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather under the sign of the three kings this afternoon about 1 o'clock we started in the harbor boat to look for some fish but they were not to be seen in any great numbers and we gave up the idea of catching any and returned about 2 o'clock we weighed the anchor of our vessel and about 4 o'clock we weighed anchor about 2 p.m. we were weathered down and the wind was from the east but did not freshen but we were not to be taken in and the gale freshened in dark night and about 100 fathoms it is the way they told us that the bark was in the water 2 years and 6 months and was found working in and then they were going to start for home the captain of the bark was Clint master and crew who carried about 2200 barrels N.M. pleasant weather wind about SE by NE by N by course this morning about 8 o'clock we weighed anchor and about 1 o'clock we weighed 2 more sails on our harbor about about and the other about 3 p.m. we were away and had a good haul of mackerel this forenoon about 11 o'clock we landed among our harbor boat and got agun sight

Latitude by Chron 34 07 S
Longitude by Obs 112 13 E

Thursday December the 21 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather this afternoon the wind halber aft wind fair had NE by N by course P.M. pleasant weather wind fair had NE by N by course this morning about 5 o'clock we weighed a sail on our harbor beam

Latitude 33 05 S

Friday December the 22 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong breeze wind fair had NE by N by course to day we weighed the main top sail P.M. pleasant weather wind fair had NE by course sea nothing this forenoon

Latitude by Chron 31 31
Longitude by Obs 114 42

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Saturday December the 27 1843 P.M. This day being with pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course to day we made the new sea nothing this afternoon P.M. pleasant weather wind fair head NE by course saw a great deal of black fish the forenoon and whole of the day yet

Latitude

Sunday December the 28 1843 P.M. This day being with pleasant weather strong breeze wind fair head NE by course P.M. pleasant weather wind S.S.E. head N by course saw nothing

Latitude by Chron

26-26 20 28 N

Longitude by Obs

172-41 15 22 E

Monday December the 29 1843 P.M. This day being with strong breeze wind fair head S.S.E. by course saw nothing this afternoon P.M. pleasant weather strong breeze wind fair head S.S.E. by course saw nothing about 1 o'clock we tacked ship wind about NE by course

Christmas day

Latitude

25-18 N

Longitude

171-11 N

Tuesday December the 30 1843 P.M. This day being pleasant weather strong breeze wind NE by course by the wind NE by W about 1 o'clock we tacked ship stood on our starboard tack P.M. pleasant weather wind NE by course by the wind S by E

Latitude

Wednesday

Wednesday December the 31 1843 P.M. This day being with light winds variable courses this afternoon about 1 o'clock we tacked ship head S.S.E. all night so on 30 and P.M. this morning about 1 o'clock we tacked ship and stood on our starboard tack wind E.S.E. head NE by N

Latitude

by Chron 25-15 N

Longitude

by Obs 174-35 E

Thursday

Thursday December the 1 1844 P.M. This day being with light winds wind SE by NE by E P.M. about 1 o'clock we tacked ship and stood on our starboard tack wind SE by E head NE by N

Friday Dec 21 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather working to the
point and S.E. but NE by N, M.W. pleasant weather wind, S.E.
evening by the wind NE by N

Latitude by Chron 34-30 S
Longitude by Obs 177-20 W

Saturday Dec 22 1843 P.M. This Day begins with strong breeze wind
S.E. strong by the point NE by N but about 11
o'clock wind back in the bay and more by point
W.M. this morning about 4 o'clock the S end of the island of Laysan
was about N and we passed away and were down to it and
3 mounds came long side and brought some potatoes and
milk and sugar and mackerel and about 11 o'clock we came
under the mainmast and the island was about N by N
and about 1 o'clock we were potatoes and about 4 o'clock
we started strong breeze wind E strong by the wind N by N
under double reef topsails and foresail

Latitude by Chron 35
Longitude by Obs 17

Sunday Dec 23 1843 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
strong breeze running under double reef topsails and foresail
and main topsails W.M. wind fair head N by N we were running clear under
double reef topsails and foresail strong breeze on

Latitude by Chron 19-57 N
Longitude by Obs 175-34 W

Monday Jan 1 1844 P.M. This Day with strong winds wind fair head
N by N we were running clear under double reef topsails and foresail
this morning about 3 o'clock we closed reef four main mizen topsails

Latitude by Chron 17-32 N
Longitude by Obs 175-22 W

Tuesday Jan 2 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong breeze wind fair head
N by N we were running clear under double reef topsails and foresail
this morning about 3 o'clock we closed reef four main mizen topsails

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Wednesday Jan the 3 1844 P.M. This Day began with variable weather wind fair head N.W. by W. strong breeze under double reef topsails and cloth reefed arisen no whales yet
 A.M. squally strong breeze wind fair head N.W. by W. pouring running under double reef topsails
 Latitude by Chron 38° 30' N
 Longitude by Chron 121° 30' W

Latitude by Chron

Longitude by Obj

175 = 36

Monday Jan the 4 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind fair and N N W
by course, strong breeze running under double reefed topsails. V.M. pleasant weather wind W
by the wind N N W by course this forenoon about 7 o'clock we shook out the wraps out of the
cabin and found the vessel wet but it was not long before the forenoon and was beginning

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Sunday Jan the 9th 1844 P.M. The day begins with squally weather wind N.W.
growing by the wind N.N.E. running under light reef top-sails and fore-sail
P.M. squally wind W. clearing by the wind N.N.W. by course running under
light reef lower top-sail double reef main and single reef mizen and fore-sail and
mizen sail and jib and mizen flunkies

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Monday Jan the 1 1844 P.M. This day begins with squally weather wind V.W. during by the wind N.N.E. running under short reef fore sail and main gaff sail and foresail and main sail and jib V.W. squally W by N during by the wind N by W running under short reef fore sail and main sail and jib and gaff sail and foresail and main sail and jib

Latitude by Chron 08 55 S

Longitude by Chron 114 03 W

Tuesday Jan the 2 1844 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather wind W by S during by the wind N by E running under double reef fore sail and foresail and main sail and jib and gaff sail and foresail and main sail and jib

Latitude by Chron 08 42 S

Longitude by Chron 113 18 W

Wednesday Jan the 3 1844 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather variable winds about 3 o'clock we tacked ship and stood on our starboard tack

P.M. squally about 8 o'clock this morning tacked ship again double reef fore sail and foresail and main sail and jib and gaff sail and foresail and main sail and jib

Latitude

Thursday Jan the 4 1844 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather

all sail set with wind and variable course P.M. pleasant weather variable winds and variable course all sail set

Latitude 05 30 S

Longitude 112 44 W

Friday Jan the 5 1844 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather variable winds

variable course the afternoon about 3 o'clock tacked ship stood on our starboard tack P.M. pleasant weather variable winds and variable course this morning 5 o'clock we tacked ship

Latitude

Longitude

Saturday Jan the 6 1844 P.M. This day begins with pleasant weather variable

wind and variable course at 1 o'clock the afternoon we tacked ship again

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Atk pleasant weather wind fair head NW by course all sail on light wind

the morning under the island of St. Morris

Latitude

18-40

S

Longitude

173-46

NW

Sunday June the 14th 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair

head NW by W by course light winds about 12 o'clock - weighed a

school of sperm whales about a mile and a half off and - chased

them but the boats gallied them and we chased them till 3 o'clock

and then came aboard and give them up Atk pleasant weather wind

fair head NW by W by course sea nothing this forenoon

Latitude

by Chron

13-26

S

Longitude

by

176-04

NW

Monday June the 15th 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head

WNW by course Atk pleasant weather wind fair head NW by W

by course we are washing the ship to day getting ready to paint her

Latitude

Tuesday June the 16th 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head

NW by W by course light winds in morning Atk pleasant weather wind fair

head NW by W by course this morning we began to paint the ship and

about 8 o'clock we saw a school of blackfish light winds to day

Latitude

02-51

S

Longitude

178-53

NW

Wednesday June the 17th 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind

fair head N Atk pleasant weather wind SW by W by course

Latitude

Longitude

Thursday June the 18th 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind SW

head WNW by course Atk quality weather wind WNW

by the wind N by E about 9 o'clock we took ship and at 10 o'clock

started back wind WNW blowing by the wind SW

Latitude

02-20

S

Longitude

179-27

N

Friday Jan the 19. 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind S steering
by the wind W by course P.M. squally last night about 4 o'clock we heaved anchor
stood away started tack wind steering by the wind SSE this morning about
1 o'clock we heaved ship again stood on our before tack wind NE by N steering
by the wind NW by N pleasant weather

Latitude by Chron 102 12 N

Longitude by Chron 179 08 W

Saturday Jan the 20. 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NE steering by
the wind NW this afternoon we saw a school of sperm whales on our lee beam and
we squared in and ran down to them and lowered away for them and chased them
and the mates boat went along side of won and Alongo darted forth
irony at him won over and the other under and that jolted them and
then they came aboard and the mate said that Alongo should not go in
his boat again and then the old man turned him out and sent him
forward and shipped a man by the name of Lyons Allen last names
H.M. squally wind SW steering by the wind NW

Latitude

Sunday Jan the 21. 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind SW steering
by the wind NW P.M. pleasant weather wind NW steering by the wind
SW

Latitude by Chron 00 20 S

Longitude by Chron 178 45 W

Monday Jan the 22. 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NW
steering by the wind S this afternoon about 3 o'clock we
saw another school of sperm whales and lowered away for
them and the old mans boat fastened to a calf and that
brought the school to and then the old cow hit the short
jerk into and then sister went to boat pulled up and
fastened to the cow and then she fastened to another calf
and got them along side about 8 o'clock south of these small
moss and then took in the jib and all the byamers and dived down the topside
H.M. pleasant weather mainyard back cutting in left the small won on deck all side

Latitude by Chron 00 40 S

Longitude by Chron 177 54 W

Tuesday Jan the 23 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather, the men and back finished eating in the
 This afternoon 11 Re placed under the morning about 10 o'clock finished trying out both of them
 made about 15 lbs and then we made sail, set all sail, wind fair
 head SW by S by course Latitude by Chronometer 10-42 S

Longitude by Chronometer 177-40 W

Wednesday Jan the 24 1844 P.M. This Day begins with a squall, clouded up for I
 my began with middle part pleasant all sail set and fair
 head SW by S by course this afternoon about 6 o'clock we saw the island of
 Lyons about SSW 4 M pleasant weather wind fair head SSW this
 morning about 8 o'clock we made it and halted here and the hankers came
 aboard and we bought some coconuts and shells and hats and washing and other

Latitude 11-08 43 S

Longitude 177-08 W

Thursday Jan the 25 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair
 head WNW by course this afternoon we raised the island of ^{more} Drummond
 island an over with leaves about 6 o'clock this afternoon we raised the island
 of Ellis about two points on our bow P.M. pleasant weather wind NE. fair
 by the wind NNW last night about 2 o'clock we saw two small islands about 1 point
 on our weather bow close to that was not down on the charts if we had not seen the
 lights we should have run on to them and then we were ship and made from it
 this morning about half past 6 o'clock we raised the island of ^{more} Ellis and went
 up to it but did not get anything about 3 o'clock this afternoon we spoke
 the ship ^{more} Peruvian of company 15 months out 350 barrels of sperm and oil

Friday Jan the 26 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NE by N
 head NW by W by course this afternoon about 3 o'clock we spoke the
 bark ^{more} Dimon of New York 15 months out 350 barrels of sperm and oil

Latitude 11-26 43 S

Longitude 175-13 W

Saturday Jan the 27 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NE by N
 head NW by W by course this afternoon about 3 o'clock we spoke the
 bark ^{more} Dimon of New York 15 months out 350 barrels of sperm and oil
 sperm to get the like pleasant weather NE by N head NW
 by W by course all sail set

Saturday Jan the 27 1844 P.M. This day lying with pleasant weather wind NE by N
 but NW by W by course. The present weather wind NE by N but
 NW by W by course. We sail this morning about 7 o'clock under
 weather beam. Latitude by Chron 00-55 S
 Longitude by Obs 173-55 W

Sunday Jan the 28 1844 P.M. This Day lying with pleasant weather wind fair head
 NW by W by course. This afternoon about 7 o'clock we weighed
 anchor of sperm whales and we lowered away for them. The
 ship's gun of warren saw some very large ones and we
 over her boats to but our boats got the first chance the old
 man fastened to a calf and mister west fastened to a cow and
 mister west cut the line of with his lance where he was standing
 and the calf fastened to a cow and killed him we got two and
 the ship got four and then the old man tied his along
 side about 9 o'clock and then we took in the topmast
 and one and a portugese boy was feeling the four topmast
 and it had my knee on the yard and it slipped off and fell
 down on to the four topmast stay and then down on the
 four stay and then down on deck on the four topmast
 stay which laid on the four keel sail did not hurt me
 much but my side and kneepan sore and then I
 went below and the mate got his along side about 11
 o'clock and then took in the sail and got the watch
 and then the captain of the yacht came aboard of us
 and stayed till about 12 o'clock and then went aboard
 the present weather main yard back this morning began to
 cut him in got the skins cleared of about 12 o'clock

Latitude by Chron 10-50 S
 Longitude by Obs 173-59 W

Monday Jan the 29 1844 P.M. This Day lying with pleasant weather
 wind fair wind sail head W by course. This afternoon we began
 to try and A.M. finished trying in the morning and then made sail
 wind fair head W by course

Tuesday Jan the 30 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head
 W by course this afternoon we gammed with the gale against
 A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head W by course the forenoon about
 10 o'clock we raised the island of ocean island.

Latitude by Chron 40 N
 Longitude by Obs W.

Wednesday Jan the 31 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head
 W by course this afternoon about 2 o'clock we arrived at the island and
 we went down to her and spoke with
 William Hamilton we asked for 1000 weight of sperm she used
 on the nor wester last season and the season was 7/8 out and
 she got 1800 barrels she is 18 months out and the old
 man went aboard of her to get him to go ashore with him
 and he told the old man that the wilmington wharf
 packet was here yesterday with 1000 barrels of sperm going
 going on the nor west and then the old man went ashore and
 got 2 each crackers and then came aboard and started
 A.M. pleasant weather wind fair head W by course

Latitude
 Longitude

Thursday February the 1 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather
 wind fair head W by course. This afternoon we raised the
 island of pleasant island A.M. pleasant weather wind fair this morning we went down
 to it and got some hats and coconuts and about 11 o'clock started again.
 about 12 o'clock we spoke again the ship Massachusetts of Nantucket 29
 months out 1200 sperm Latitude by Chron N
 Longitude by Obs W.

Friday Feb the 2 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind
 fair head W by course A.M. pleasant weather wind NE head NW
 by course Latitude by Chron 1-32 N
 Longitude by Obs 166-00 W.

Saturday Feb the 3rd 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind fair head NW
by course of the pleasant weather wind NW by W steering by
the wind N by E about 10 o'clock we raised sails to the wind

Latitude by Chron 03-00 N
Longitude by Obs 07

Sunday Feb the 4th 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind NE by N head NW
at 10 o'clock squally weather wind NE by N steering by the wind NW

Latitude

Monday Feb the 5th 1844 P.M. This Day begins with squally weather wind NE by N
steering by the wind NW about 1 o'clock took in the fore and main
sails and set the main this afternoon about 4 o'clock
we spoke the English bark named then spoke the ship Wilmington
Liverpool packed 21 months out 2000 sperm and weight the bark has 900
sperm 2 months out at 10 o'clock

~~Tuesday Feb the 6th 1844~~ P.M. pleasant weather wind NE by N steering by the
wind NW ambry came aboard last night and staid through
and about 10 o'clock the ship man went aboard of her and staid
all day and men of her boats crew came aboard of us and got
the ship getting in good order they are going into strong island
and water Latitude

~~Tuesday Feb the 6th 1844~~ P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather wind
NE by N steering by the wind NW at 10 o'clock pleasant weather strong
breeze wind E head NW by W by course this forenoon we made the
strong island Latitude by Chron N
Longitude by Obs W

Wednesday Feb the 7th 1844 P.M. This Day begins with pleasant weather strong
breeze wind E head NW by W by course under double reef
topsails and lower main sail and jib

Wednesday June the 20th 1844 P.M. about 1 o'clock we took an whale
along side made us 35 barrels hard luck

Saturday June the 29th 1844 to day we got a rotten whale along side
and have him in June 30 Sunday to day all day heaving him over board

The Season of 1844 23
 came in to New Year
 in the 17 day of September

4800
 2300
 1000
 1450
 1200
 3060
 2100
 1450
 80
 2590
 1760
 21390

1 Scotch cap —
 2 fathoms cloth —

12 pipes —
 3 lbs tobacco —

2 pair shoes —
 1 Scotch cap —

1 pair shoes —
 1 knot thread —

1 paper to rollers —
 1 sheath knife —

1 jack knife —
 1 door pipe —

2 lbs tobacco —
 2 lbs tobacco —

1 thin shirt —
 1 lbs tobacco —

5 yards cloth —
 3 ft in ash —

1 pair shoes —
 15 strands of thread —

1 pair shoes —
 1 paper bundles —

42 = 84
 42 = 84
 56 = 39

Ship Ontario of New York 11 months 1100
 Ship John & Elizabeth of New London 13 months 800
 Bark Shepherdick of Astoria 2 months
 Ship Amethyst of New Bedford 12 months 500
 Ship Isaac Walton of New London 10 months 500
 Ship Pacific of New Bedford 12 months 500

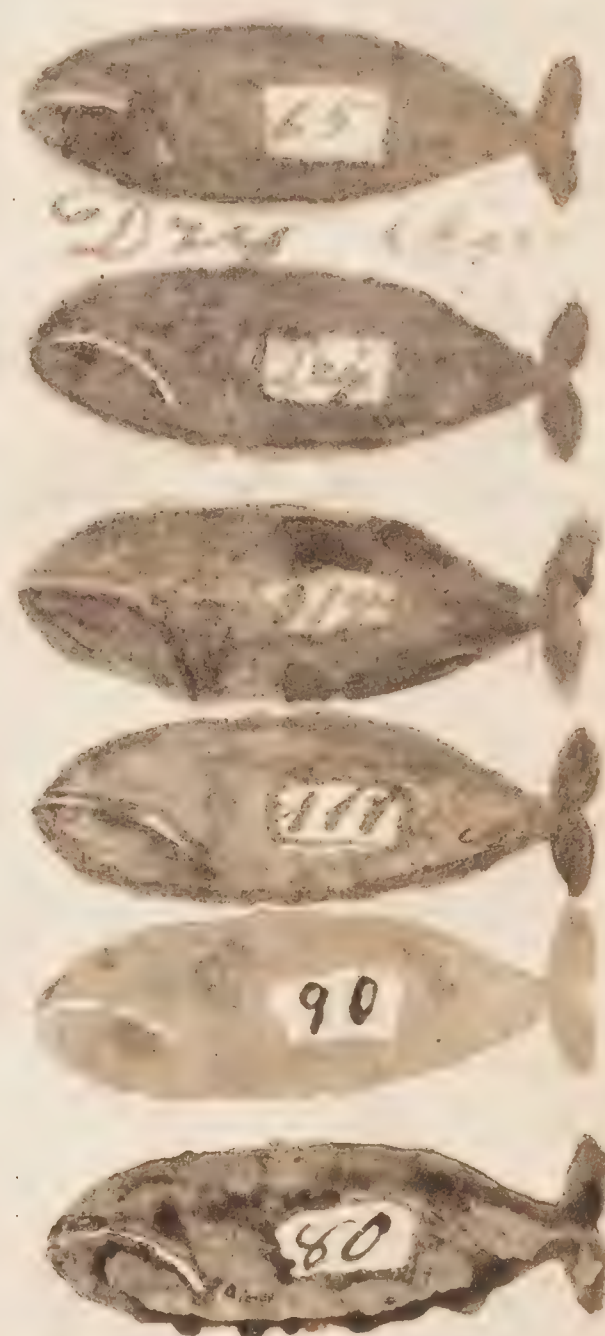


On board ship Honduras

May the 3rd 1844

Samuel wread just this morning asked me to go
and take his wheel and i told him that i would not
and then he struck me over the eye and made it swell
up and got my teeth bleeding and hurt me very much

Benjamin L. West





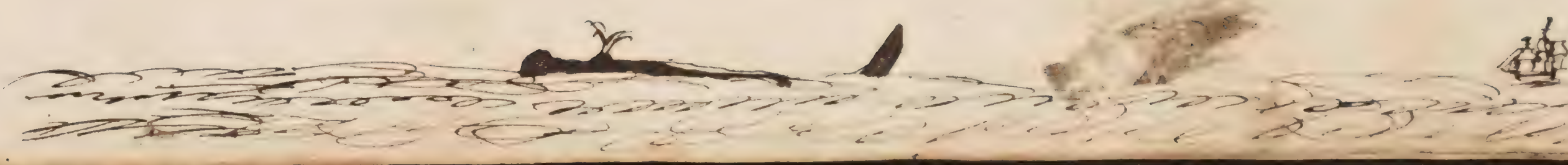
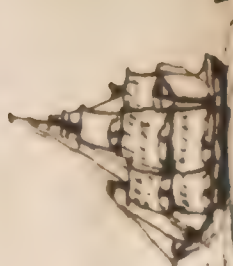
Nelson & Waldron Commander



30
60
60
5
10
5
140
80
125
36
136
96
198

gabriel

December 1st 1844 The second mate got a small sperm whale



1850 000.868

July

1854

18

1850

1856

July 1st 1844 AM Monday this day begins with foggy weather
no whales PM no whales

July 2nd 1844 AM Tuesday foggy weather no whales
PM no whales

July 3rd 1844 AM Wednesday this Day begins with pleasant
weather yards square bound ^{to the} nothered whales breaching ahead
PM all the same clear weather 4 months out of
sensions 500 fresh hog for dinner to morrow

July 4th 1844 AM Thursday this Day begins with pleasant weather
wind fair course N this morning we saw along ship and she
crossed our bow all sail out supposing to be bound home
PM fine weather wind fair course N no whales about 2 o'clock we
made the north cape of Seamer yesterday

July 5th 1844 AM Friday this Day begins with pleasant weather
wind WSW head NW by course PM pleasant weather wind WSW head NW

July 6th 1844 AM Saturday this Day begins with pleasant weather wind ^{SE by S} WSW
head N, SW by course PM pleasant wind SE by S head SW by course

July 7th 1844 AM Sunday this day begins with foggy weather wind ^{head SW by S} fair
PM foggy weather wind SE by S head SW by S by course ^{cape of Seamer yesterday} about 2 o'clock we made the north

July 8th 1844 AM Monday this Day begins with pleasant weather wind
fair head S by course PM pleasant weather wind fair head SE by W by course this

July 9th 1844 AM Tuesday this Day begins with pleasant weather wind ^{SW by S} head SE by course
about 3 o'clock we lowered away for whales but did not get onto them PM pleasant

July 10th 1844 AM Wednesday pleasant weather wind SW by S head SE by course about 10
o'clock this forenoon we lowered away and got a large whale the captains boat got
fast first and towed him up and got him along side about 12 o'clock

PM cutting in July 11th 1844 pleasant weather cutting in fine weather

July 12th Friday pleasant weather trying out July 13th Saturday pleasant weather trying out

July 14th Sunday pleasant weather stowing down this forenoon we raised some more whales
and lowered away and got the harbor of waist of bow boat stove and then cut him

July 14th Sunday pleasant weather stowing down about 1 o'clock this afternoon we
saw some more whales and lowered the old bow boat and starboard boat and the bow
boat got fast upon iron and it drewed and then come aboard

July 15th Tuesday drizzly weather about 2 o'clock we raised 2 seals were on our heads and legs.
 this afternoon about 5 o'clock we spoke the schooner fullriver 700 bbls 10 months at
 July 15th Wednesday foggy weather no whales

Friday July 26th 1844 This forenoon we lowered away about 10 o'clock and the old man got fast
 and turned him up and got him along side about 1 o'clock and cut him in
 about 12 o'clock at night stowed us down 96 bbls

August 2nd 1844 this forenoon about 10 o'clock we took a dead whale along side and cut
 him in and tried him out and he turned us up 80 bbls

August 5th 1844 this afternoon we lowered for whales and the mate got fast
 turned him up and got toed him along side. *Being a whale at Long*
did not tryin' out the whale stowed us down 110 bbls

August 16th 1844 This morning about 5 o'clock we lowered away for whales and the mate
 got fast and turned him up and got him along side before breakfast

August 22 trying out and this morning about 6 o'clock we lowered for whale
 and the mate got fast and the old man got fast and turned him
 up and got him along side about 12 o'clock both whales stowed
 us down about 206

August 29th 1844 about 12 o'clock we lowered for whales and the mate got
 fast the boat was fast 5 hours before they turned him up
 then they got him along side about 5 o'clock

August September 1st 1844 This afternoon about 3 o'clock we lowered for whale
 and the mate got fast and then the second mate got fast and then
 the mate went up to him and lanced him and the whale waled and stove
 him and then they turned him up and got him along side about 6 o'clock

THE LAST CRUISE

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April 20 This Day I saw 2 whales for a while and the second mist
pulled up to him and Daniel started to go back when he was not killed.
April 21 This day I saw 2 whales but did not get any.
April 22 This day we saw whales but did not get any.

May 11th This day I went for whales and the second net got out and turned
 him up and set him along side ^{boarded 5 barrels} small whale. ^{of the 11th of September}
 May 13th I day I went for whales 2 times with my new net. ^{of the 11th of September}
 May 14th I day I went for whales 2 times with my new net. ^{of the 11th of September}

May 18 To day we hauled for whales the mate got fast
and the iron dragged and lost him

May 20 This day lowered for whales the 2 mate got fast and turned him up (got him along side) 21 began to cut him in got his head in and he was very skinned

May 24 This day lowered for whales and the second mate got fast and the line parted

May 26 This day we spoke the ship Warren and left 19 months out 1600

May 28 This day lowered for whales 4 times with no success

June 1 This day lowered for whales 5 times the fourth time the mate got fast and he got line parted and the fifth time the mate got fast and he knocked the head of the boat of at last the whale came up and cut it off the boat drove him the whale with his head and then they cut the line of and brought the man aboard and then the third mate went out and fast to him and turned him up and sent gun 11 we lowered for whales twice with no success

June 11 This day we lowered for whales 2 the first time the 2 mate got fast and the line parted gun 12 This day lowered for whales 3 times the last time the third mate got fast and turned him up and he was skinned

June 12 This day lowered for whales 2 the second time got fast and the second mate got fast and he was skinned

June 13 lowered for whales with no success gun 14 lowered for whales and the third mate got fast and the iron drove

June 15 lowered for whales and the mate and second mate both fastened to getting and turned him up and he was skinned

June 20 lowered for whales and the mate got fast and he was skinned and the next gun 21

June 22 This day we spoke the ship Warren of Warren 22 months out 1500

June 23 This day lowered 2 for whales with no success

June 24 lowered for whales the third mate got fast and he was skinned


June 25 This day lowered for whales 2 with no success

July 1843 Commodore's Log

July 1 To day spoke the whaling Fair Haven 16 1/2 3 1/2 miles
 July 3 To day made bearings island July 5 To day we lowered for
 whale the mate got fast first and then the third and pulled
 to him and fastened to the other men and set them both going
 blood blood and soon parted the line and got the other
 July 7 To day we lowered for whale and the second mate fastened and the
 first mate pulled out the line to day spoke the ship Elizabeth
 off the island July 8 To day we lowered for whale the second mate
 got fast and then the mate got fast the whale tipped over the second
 mate boat and the mate held on a little while and then cut
 July 11 To day the third mate got fast and the iron hauled
 To day we spoke the ship Phoenix in Bedford
 July 13 To day we lowered for whale the third mate got fast and the
 the mate got fast and then the mate gave him a lunge and killed him
 and turned him up and got him along side July 14 spoke the bark
 side of New Bedford July 15 spoke Dutch Bark July 17 spoke the bark Providence
 Providence and out side To day spoke the bark George Thompson
 July 18 spoke the bark Crescent 15 00

July 26 To day we lowered for whale and the second mate got fast and the third
 mate got out and lowered and then he got stove and come aboard and the
 mate killed the whale and then we took him home August 1 Spoke the bark
 Dr. Mo & Kron from Sis 5 00 25 00 Spoke the ship Ontario Sag Harbour
 August 6 John & Elisabeth Do 1 gained ^{Ship} ^{new ship at} Amathist Ship Isaac Wilton London
 August 9 gained with the Pacific New Bedford 12 miles the gut 800
 August 10 1843 This Day We Squared the
 yards for home To in the bow Boat and
 Made Sail and Started August 11 To Day we hoisted
 out the topmast stunsail & sent up the main reef yard

The Main to gainer **EPLURIBUS** Sail B L P W
T. NUM



SHIP LEONIDAS

Bound home
11111



August 12 To day we lowered for whales but the fog came in thick

August 14 To day we lowered for whales twice the second time the first
mat fastened and the whale sounded and took away all the line and the
iron drained I lost him

September 18 To Day we left Mice

September 22 To Day we left workhouse

October 9 To Day we raised a school of sperm whales and the second mate got fast and the iron

Oct 10 To Day we raised a school of sperm whales
and the second mate got a small whale 4 barrels

Oct 12 To Day we raised a school of sperm whales
lowered for them and the old man got a good sized
cow 20 barrels

Oct 24 To Day we made the island called ganguiso paster

November 8 To Day we raised a school of sperm whales about 8 o'clock
This afternoon and lowered away for them and about 5 o'clock
the second mate struck a 50 barrel whale and
and turned him up and got him along side about 8 o'clock

November 12 To Day we made the island called Carrow where
we are going to come to an anchor to get wood 17 m ft

Nov 19 To Day we made the island called Towo four

December 6 To day we spoke the ship Honoria of New London 24 m
to the south of us bound home we are very near the cape horn

Dec 9 To Day we spoke the ship Neptune New London

To Day we halled on the wind and began to cruise again

Dec 13 To Day we spoke the schooner of fallriver 22 m

bound home Dec 17 To Day we started for home again

January the 6 This afternoon about 3 o'clock we doubled cape horn

January the 8 This Day we spoke the Bay tucker of Warren
3 months no site
of the Dasher of green port 4 months no site

Madam i must leave. the ^{Why}
"Because, madam, i find your society has become so dear to me,
that i fear i must fly to save myself, as i may not
dare to hope that the suit of a stranger might be crowned
With Success."

Benjamin L. West.

"If women's hearts men's earliest vows disdain,
All future efforts there will be in vain!"

Benjamin L. West

February 13 This afternoon about 2 o'clock we raised a
school of sperm whales and lowered away for them
and the mate got fast and then the second mate got
fast the milt turned his whale up and the second mate
whale came him out right of the ship and the
captain got fast and the whale struck the boat
Lavin and tore her all to pieces and the ship did
not see the boats and the boats crew was in the water about
4 hours and the men aboard the ship heard the boats
crew holler and sent a boat and picked them up
and got aboard about 9 o'clock at night / And the second mate
got aboard about 10 o'clock

Benjamin
West

Father M.

Maria

Wm West

Mary

Farwell Mother - Taylor calls me
Far away from home and the
Oh Union keep no more enthralls me
When a lofty ship I see,
Farwell mother do not pain me
By thine agonizing woe
Those fond arms cannot detain me
Dearest mother I must go.

Farwell father Oh how tender.
The cords that bind me here
Jesus helps me to surrender
All I love without a tear
No my Saviour meet thou terrors
Leaning o'er the buried dead
At this hour so sad and cheerless
I shall not burning tears be shed.

Farwell sister do not press me
To thy young and throbbing heart
Oh no longer now distress me
Sister Sister we must part
Farwell pale and silent brother
How I grieve to pain the so
Father - Mother - Sister - Brother -
Taylor. calls. - O let me go!



West Farewell

Small for the B. L.

West Farewell

15th of July

Farewell Mother Baylor calls me,

Far away from home and the

The anion has no more shall be when

When alighty ship is seen



Troy Bristol 2.50	Trydent Newbedford 1100
Larmon Newport	Pacific Fair haven 1700
Braynt Newbedford	Galen Warren 1000
Rowena Fallriver 700	Illinois Sag harbour 3000
Mercurus Newbedford	Chilli Newbedford 1800
Swift Newbedford 1600	Massachusetts Nantucket full
Josephine Sag Harbour 1400	Zone Nantucket 700
Patriot Brueman	Hermann Dutchman 1400
W L Packet Newbedford 900	Trydent Newbedford 1400
Australis Sydney 700	Lian court Harve de grass 150
Arabian London 700	Nepton Copenhagen 2200
India Newbedford	Cience Newbedford 100
Galen Warren 350	Fanny Sag Harbour 2000
Massachusetts Nantucket 1300	Niancut Sag Harbour 1200
Edward Cary Nantucket	Warren Warren 2300
Levi Starbuck Nantucket	Chillon Fair haven 2000
Columbia New London	Crusent Sag harbour
Emperor Liverpool	Dra Ma New bedford
Warren Warren 2000	Kron prinsessin Halland
William Hamilton Newbedford 2100	

Respectful Attention & Prompt Reply Dec 8th 1844
Geo. W. Wainwright Esq
Sir

I wish to get \$15,000 Insurance
on Ship Seannidas & Outfits on a Whaling Voyage of 2 Years
to sail in February next say \$8,000 on Ship & \$7,000 on Outfits

The Seannidas was built at Somerset in 1823
Copper fastened Bottom, Masts & Deck, — at Rio in October
1839 her Bottom was calked. Sheathed & has sheets copper
put on — (Salt bagging ~~under~~ the sheathing instead of
paper) at Savannah in February last had new
shear stroke nearly all round & new Batt stroke for
fore & main chases — Timbers in the top forward yard —
her upper & lower deck beams were examined and found
good except two — which were taken out and new put
in their place — Centre part of Deck new at the same
time at Savannah — The ceiling has not
been taken out until today — Have taken a streak out
today from the after part of the fore Hatch ^{within 2 or 3 feet of} to the Stern
post and have examined forward and find the Timbers
sound — Please inform me by return of mail if
you will insure her and at what rate per annum or
for the Voyage — We have left the ceiling out and
if you wish to send an agent to examine her should like
to have you do so at our expense — Have also taken a
piece of the sheathing off the bottom and find the calking good
(Declined by the board)

Yours Respectfully
Wm. R. Taylor

Shirley Leonard

Wm. R. Taylor

Dec. 9. 1840.

